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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

Hyatt Regency LAX

6225 W. Century Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90045

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Special Considerations When Handling Death Claims

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

A workers' compensation death claim can present some unique challenges. From conflicts of interest between dependents, to autopsies, to unique issues of causation, a claim for death benefits can be tricky. Join us as the impeccable Judge Cassandra Stajduhar imparts her top tips on conducting discovery and trying a death claim. All will be revealed.

SPEAKER: Hon. Cassandra Stajduhar, Los Angeles, CA

Break

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

The DWC Update

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Be the first to hear discussion on the latest updates from DWC Headquarters. Acting Administrative Director, George Parisotto, and Medical Unit Director Dr. Raymond Meister will discuss recent DWC developments such as the creation of the prescription drug formulary, changes to the MTUS, and what's in store for 2018. Be in the know!

**SPEAKERS: Raymond Meister, Director of the DWC Medical Unit
George Parisotto, Acting DWC Administrative Director**

At Writ's End: Practicing with an Eye for Appeal

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Let's face it, sometimes you know that a case is going up on appeal. Whether it is a hot-button topic or a significant amount of money, some cases are destined for writ. Certified Workers' Compensation Specialist and staff attorney for the 5th DCA, Bradley Tahajian will present his tips for filing a Petition for Writ of Review before the District Court of Appeal. Former WCAB Commissioner and San Francisco WCJ, Colleen Casey will present her tips for filing petitions for reconsideration and removal and making a proper record at the trial level for appeal. Have you ever wanted to glean the perspective of a District Courts of Appeal staff attorney and a former WCAB Commissioner as to how they handle appeals and what constitutes a good record on appeal? If so, this is the panel you simply can't miss!

**SPEAKERS: Hon. Colleen Casey, San Francisco, CA
Bradley Tahajian, Bakersfield, CA**

Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Prestidigitation and Other Tricks, Gimmicks, and Gotchas

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

'Gotcha' – Noun – “an instance of publicly tricking someone or exposing them to ridicule, especially by means of an elaborate deception.” (Google.)

Who doesn't like a good trick . . . besides the judge and opposing counsel? This magical panel of litigation masters will cover some of the most common and preventable litigation errors from pre-trial discovery to post-trial appeals. The panel will unmask the most dastardly tricks of the trade and show exactly how the act is performed.

SPEAKERS: **David Skaggs, Thousand Oaks, CA**
 Hon. Sharon Velzy-Lenington, Van Nuys, CA

Mastering Opinion Evidence: Balancing Substantiality with the Duty to Develop the Record

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

As the great philosopher Plato once said, “Opinion is the medium between knowledge and ignorance.” Over two thousand years later and we still debate what constitutes a substantial opinion. Three masterful WCJs will provide easy-to-understand paradigms for obtaining substantial opinion evidence. From medical opinions to vocational evidence, from supplemental reports to depositions, the panel will leave no hypothetical stone unturned.

SPEAKERS: **Hon. Clint Feddersen, Van Nuys, CA**
 Presiding Judge Pamela Pulley, Santa Ana, CA
 Hon. Jacqueline Walker, Marina Del Rey, CA

Break

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

One Good Tip Deserves Another

2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Whether it was in high school or college or law school, or even in practice, everyone loves a clear and concise cheat sheet. Well you're in luck because the ever-delightful Judge Myrle Petty will round out the day's presentation by providing a variety of tips and cheat sheets on key Labor Code sections and Regulations that often trip up practitioners. Judge Petty will impart her famous wit and wisdom, and show how to use these tools to better your practice.

SPEAKER: **Hon. Myrle Petty, Banning, CA**

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- ☐ **\$390** Non-Section Members
(includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2018)
- ☐ **195** Claims Specialists, Hearing Representatives, and Paralegals

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Deadline: In order to pre-register, your form and check, payable to The State Bar of California, or credit card information, must be received by Friday, November 10, 2017.

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Mail To: Program Registrations, The State Bar of California,
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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